

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF BELLE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Belle, WV as it celebrates its 50th year of incorporation.

Located in Kanawha County along the Kanawha River, Belle was incorporated on December 13th of 1958 by the Kanawha County Circuit Court.

For half a century now, Belle has been the home to many hardworking men and women with great values and a strong sense of community. Past and present mayors, councilpersons, employees, and community leaders have all played an integral role in shaping the town. Their hard work has provided jobs and opportunities to many people.

Even before incorporation, Belle was home to DuPont. Breaking ground in 1925, it has maintained a strong presence in the area for over 80 years. DuPont Belle has special significance in the history of the chemical industry. The plant's central location provides overnight delivery to two-thirds of the U.S. population and one-third of the Canadian population. It is the nation's first commercial ammonia synthesis site. At Belle, DuPont developed the technology to manufacture nylon. The town of Belle and state of West Virginia have experienced labor with industry-specific skills which allows them to offer an unmatched advantage in the chemical business.

It is an honor to pay tribute to Belle, a town that represents the best of America's small towns. I wish congratulations to Belle as it celebrates half a century of incorporation in the Mountain State.

CONGRATULATING THE STOCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the student athletes and coaches of the Stockdale High School Mustangs varsity baseball team. The Mustangs won the 2008 Central Section Division I Baseball Championship, also known as the Valley Baseball Championship, on May 22, 2008. In addition, the Stockdale Mustangs baseball team was ranked 2nd in the entire state of California (Division I) and 20th in the nation. Its achievements make the Mustangs the highest ranking team in Kern County history.

On May 22, 2008, the Stockdale Mustangs defeated Clovis High School 7–6 in its final game of the season to win, for the first time in Mustang history, the Valley Baseball Cham-

pionship. This was a truly outstanding achievement to cap a remarkable season, a season where the Mustangs finished with a record of 31–1. The game was an amazing come-from-behind victory, where the Mustangs scored three runs to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth, and pulled ahead two innings later with a game-winning single to right field. With the Mustangs' optimism, athleticism, skill and hard work, the Stockdale High School fans, students and community members were treated to an exciting and memorable championship game.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Stockdale High School Mustangs student athletes for their impressive championship win and strong 2008 season. The 2008 roster included Ryan Lay, Jeff Dolinar, Jonathan Broida, Kyle Desimone, Ryan Drown, Greg Osteen, J.D. Reed, Philip Valos, Dominic Chavez, Justin Williamson, Brock Allen, Jared Schweitzer, Travis Boos, Ren Floyd, Ryan Atherly, Travis Maytubby, Imaad Nuriddin, Scott Denesha, Eric Matthews, K.C. Hobson, Tyler Boren, Aaron Hartman, Steven Eyherabide, Ryan Espinoza, and team manager Jack Robson.

I also want to congratulate the coaching staff who helped lead the team to its championship season. The Mustangs head coach is Dan Lemon and his coaching staff includes assistant coaches Greg Showers, Travis Debondt, Butch Hobson, and Lance Stevens.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a wonderful component of a high school education because it provides opportunities for leadership, teamwork and competition. These essential characteristics for a well-rounded education are especially distinct in the Stockdale High School's exemplary athletic programs. The months of physical and mental training and the dedication to teamwork that was required to win this Valley Championship, as well as all their unprecedented achievements, will benefit these young men in their years to come.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I once again commend the Stockdale High School Mustangs on winning the 2008 Central Section Division I Baseball Championship, and I know the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans of our community will remember this season for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING GRAYHAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Grayhawk Elementary School for being named by Project Tomorrow as a Speak Up Top 200 school. This honor is in recognition of the school's incorporation of the views of students, parents, and

educators in their educational decision making, with an emphasis on the implementation of new technologies.

Grayhawk Elementary School has done an exemplary job of putting communication channels in place in order for the needs of the students to be recognized and for the concerns of the parents to be taken into account. With this information available, teachers are better able to engage and inspire their students.

As a former teacher and a member of the Science and Technology Committee, I am especially proud of the achievements of this school. It takes a great deal of time and effort from both parents and educators to spark students' creativity; a feat I believe can only be achieved through open communication. Also with the great strides that have been made recently in the technology industry, it is paramount that our students, teachers, and parents are up to date with our constantly changing technological landscape.

Grayhawk Elementary was chosen by as a Top 200 school out of a pool of over 10,000 schools nationwide. The school signifies the progressive approach necessary in order for our children to receive the best education possible. It is for these reasons and many more that I congratulate Grayhawk Elementary School for its achievement and urge its educators, parents, and students to continue to strive for excellence in the future.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN A. BRADLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute a man who has touched the lives of so many Tennesseans, as well as many the world, through his long and distinguished military career, culminating as Chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander for the Air Force Reserve Command.

General John A. Bradley was commissioned in 1967 after completing the Air Force ROTC program as a distinguished graduate at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

As a fighter pilot, General Bradley flew 337 combat missions in Vietnam. He commanded a fighter training squadron, fighter group and wing and Reserve numbered air force. General Bradley also served as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters. He has over 7,000 flying hours in the T–38, A–37, A–10, F–4 and F–16.

General Bradley's noteworthy service has been recognized for his service with numerous devices on medals for the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Combat Readiness Medal, Vietnam Service

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